

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) A game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport, the game comprising:

a drinking beverage bottle selected from the group consisting of water, juice, beer, wine, liquor, and soft drink bottles; and

a scoring structure configured and adapted to be removably coupled to an upper portion of asaid bottle to thereby position the scoring structure for play, wherein said scoring structure is selected from the following: a basketball goal and a football goal.

43. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 42, wherein said scoring structure comprises:

a backboard adapted to be supported in a substantially vertical position when said scoring structure is removably coupled with asaid bottle; and

a basket rim secured to said backboard and adapted to be supported in a substantially horizontal position when said scoring structure is removably coupled with asaid bottle such that a ball may pass through said basket rim.

44. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 42, wherein said game additionally comprises a shot ramp adapted to launch a ball toward said scoring structure.

45. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 44, wherein said backboard comprises a cardboard drink coaster.

46. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 44, wherein said game additionally comprises a retaining clip configured to removably couple said scoring structure to an open bottle.

47. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 44, wherein said game additionally comprises a retaining clip configured to removably couple said scoring structure to a closed bottle.

48. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 44, wherein the game additionally comprises a ball deflector ~~adapted to be~~ removably coupled with a lower portion of ~~a~~said bottle and configured to deflect any balls that may pass through said basket rim.

49. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 48, wherein said ball deflector comprises a cardboard drink coaster.

50. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 44, wherein said game further comprises a circular shot ring adapted to define an area wherein a ball must appear prior to entering said basket rim.

51. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 44, wherein said game additionally comprises a tubular net depending from said basket rim.

52. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 42, wherein said scoring structure is a football goal comprising a cross bar, a left upright and a right upright.

53. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 52, wherein said football goal additionally comprises a goal post ~~adapted to be~~ inserted into an open top of ~~a~~said bottle to removably couple said football goal to said bottle.

54. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 52, wherein said game additionally comprises a kicking tee adapted to support a ball in a kicking position for launching a ball toward said scoring structure.

55. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 42, wherein said scoring structure additionally comprises a magnet adapted to enable said scoring structure to be held in place against a metallic surface.

56. (currently amended) A game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport, the game comprising:

a drinking beverage bottle selected from the group consisting of water, juice, beer, wine, liquor, and soft drink bottles; and

a scoring structure coupled to an upper portion of ~~the~~said bottle, wherein said scoring structure is configured to enable a ball to pass therethrough and is selected from the following group: a basketball goal and a football goal.

57. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 56, wherein said scoring structure is a basketball goal comprising:

a backboard extending in a substantially vertical position; and

a basket rim secured to said backboard in a substantially horizontal position and configured such that a ball may pass through said basket rim.

58. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 56, wherein said game additionally comprises a shot ramp adapted to launch a ball toward said scoring structure.

59. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 57, wherein said backboard comprises a cardboard drink coaster.

60. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 57, wherein said game additionally comprises a retaining clip configured to removably couple said scoring structure to said bottle.

61. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 57, wherein the game additionally comprises a ball deflector coupled with a lower portion of ~~the~~said bottle and configured to deflect any balls that may pass through said basket rim.

62. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 61, wherein said ball deflector comprises a cardboard drink coaster.

63. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 57, wherein said game further comprises a circular shot ring adapted to define an area wherein a ball must appear prior to entering said basket rim.

64. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 56, wherein said scoring structure is a football goal comprising a cross bar, a left upright and a right upright.

65. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 64, wherein said football goal additionally comprises a goal post inserted into an open top of ~~the~~said bottle to removably couple said football goal to said bottle.

66. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 64, wherein said game additionally comprises a kicking tee adapted to support a ball in a substantially upright kicking position for launching a ball toward said football goal.

67. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 56, wherein said scoring structure comprises a magnet adapted to enable said scoring structure to be held in place against a metallic surface.

68. (currently amended) A game that substantially mimics an aspect of the sport of basketball, the game comprising:

a drinking beverage bottle selected from the group consisting of water, juice, beer, wine, liquor, and soft drink bottles;

a backboard providing a surface for deflecting a ball;

a coupling member ~~configured to couple~~ the backboard to an upper portion of asaid bottle in a substantially vertical orientation; and

a basket rim coupled with the backboard configured to accommodate a ball passing therethrough.

69. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 68, wherein said game additionally comprises a ball deflector made from a drink coaster ~~adapted to be removably~~ coupled to a bottle below said basket rim and to deflect any balls passing through said basket rim back into play.

70. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 68, wherein said game additionally comprises a magnet attached to a back portion of said backboard.

71. (previously presented) The game as set forth in claim 68, wherein said coupling member is a retaining clip.

72. (currently amended) A game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport, the game comprising a scoring structure ~~configured and adapted to be removably~~ coupled to an upper portion of a bottle to thereby position the scoring structure for play, wherein said scoring structure comprises a cross bar, a left upright and a right upright.

73. (currently amended) The game as set forth in claim 72, wherein said scoring structure additionally comprises a goal post ~~adapted to be inserted~~ into an open top of asaid bottle to removably couple such scoring structure to said bottle.

74. (withdrawn) A method of making a game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport, said method comprising the following steps:

positioning a bottle in a vertical up-right position on a playing surface;

coupling a scoring structure to an upper portion of said bottle to thereby position the scoring structure for play, said scoring structure being selected from the following group: a basketball goal and a football goal.

75. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 74, wherein said coupling step comprises coupling a basketball goal to an upper portion of said bottle, said basketball goal comprising a backboard and a basket rim.

76. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 74, wherein said method comprises the additional step of positioning a shot ramp on the playing surface, wherein said shot ramp is adapted to launch a ball toward said scoring structure.

77. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 75, wherein the method comprises the additional step of removably coupling a ball deflector to said bottle below said basket rim, said ball deflector configured to deflect the ball back into play after passing through said basket rim.

78. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 75, wherein said method further comprises positioning a shot ring on the playing surface, said shot ring adapted to define an area wherein a ball must appear prior to entering said basket rim.

79. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 74, wherein said coupling step comprises coupling a football goal to an upper portion of the bottle, said football goal comprising a goal post, a cross bar, a left upright and a right upright.

80. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 74, wherein said coupling step comprises inserting said goal post into an open top of said bottle.

81. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 79, wherein said method comprises the additional step of positioning a kicking tee on the playing surface to support a ball in a substantially upright kicking position for launching a ball toward said scoring structure.

82. (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 74 wherein said method comprises the additional step of securing a magnet to said scoring structure in a manner to permit such scoring structure to be held in place for storage against a metallic surface when not in play.